

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24, 1887.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

Trains from San Marcos arrive as follows:
MAIL. MAIL.
Going South: 7:55 A. M. and 8:40 P. M.
Going North: 8:32 A. M. and 6:40 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

Apple butter at L. B. Killian's.
Fresh oysters at Candy Factory.

WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at the Free Press office.

GARDEN HOSE and Nozzles at G. W. Donaldson & Co's.

Choice Northern seed potatoes, both Irish and sweet, at J. A. Motz's.

Fresh supply of White Crabs flour at McCallister's.

CROP MORTGAGES for sale at the Free Press office.

HARROW TEETH at G. W. Donaldson & Co's.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos.

A supply of fresh vegetables constantly on hand at Motz's grocery store, Austin st.

Fine candy at 25 cts. a pound at Candy Factory.

WINDOW GLASS at G. W. Donaldson & Co's.

Coppie at his new stand (adjoining the old) is full of reasonable goods in his line and continues to do a lively business.

A large line of finest dress gingham opened today at the latest style, only 10 cents per yard.
DAILEY & BROS.

Momija coffee, a well known popular brand, a fresh supply just received at L. B. Killian's.

Don't forget that the celebrated Boss Planter of J. E. Morris is being sold at reduced prices.

Thirty boxes very choice fresh crackers just received at Motz's grocery store, Austin street, two blocks south of Green's corner.

Corn planting is in active progress and the demand for Morris's Boss Planter proportionately active.

Carnahan place again for rent. Excellent garden spot. Call on S. B. McBride, agent.

New line of pretty and finest prints for spring wear on stock to-day. They shall go with the other stock at 5 cents.

DAILEY & BROS.

If our ASTRAL OIL, return it and we will pay back your money.

G. W. DONALDSON & CO.

Remember we keep everything you need in the grocery line and for spot cash cannot be undersold and defy competition.

H. HARVEY & CO.

See the large illustrated advertisement of Morris's Boss Planter in our columns. Price reduced.

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More weddings in near prospect.

The Baptists at this place have a choir now of which they may well be proud.

The lessening of the number of terms of the County Court, announced in our columns, is a wise measure.

See card of Dr. Woods & Beall. Dr. Beall's residence, it will be remembered, is in the Garrison place, which he recently purchased.

We have been promised an article on the great strike in New York, which will be of interest to every person who labors for a living.

The most stubborn cases of dyspepsia and sick headache yield to the regulating and toning influences of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it.

The hose company was out testing their new hose and hydrants, as well as watering the shrubbery in the court house yard, on Tuesday.

We have the AMERICAN KINDERGARTEN for January and February. We should think it an extraordinary work to those having the education of children in charge.

Just about a year ago, after a similarly dry winter to this, it began to rain, and continued for about two weeks. We hope the similarity of seasons may be maintained.

It might well be questioned whether the influences which controlled the financial campaign of the Chautauque Guards are just the thing to direct the destinies of San Marcos.

A very pleasant social came off at the residence of Mr. Ed. A. Christian on Friday night, Misses Mattie Bugg and Ella Davis hostesses. The affair was greatly enjoyed by all present.

We heard a "newspaper feller" say that John Patterson has the nearest kept office in town. We are inclined to concur, always excepting the Free Press sanctum, where order and neatness sit enthroned.

Edwin Booth will appear at Austin on tomorrow night and at San Antonio on Saturday evening and night. We suppose many of our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to see and hear the famous actor.

AMERICAN BOOKMAKER.—We acknowledge receipt of the January and February numbers of the above very interesting and valuable work Howard Lockwood & Co., publishers, 126 and 128 Duane St., New York. \$2 a year, 25c a number.

The Oyster Creek Alliance raised a contribution of \$11 at their last meeting in aid of the drought sufferers, which has been duly transmitted. Considering that their numbers are not large, this was quite creditable to them. We hope soon to hear of San Marcos Alliance following suit.

We learn the Dramatic Club of this place will give their proposed performance to raise money to pay off the indebtedness on the DuBose cottage, March 10th. The play selected is "Emeralda," the dramatization of Mrs. Burnett's famous Southern romance of that name. We learn musical articles of merit from Kyle and elsewhere will lend their aid on the occasion.

The editorial, publishing and printing rooms of "The Paper World," "Good Housekeeping," and "Work and Wages," having been moved from Holyoke to Springfield, Mass., all letters, correspondence and exchanges should hereafter be addressed to Springfield.

We are in regular receipt of "Good Housekeeping," which is unquestionably the foremost publication of its class.

The students of Coronel Institute celebrated the anniversary of Washington's birthday on Monday. Rabbit hunting, fishing, etc., were indulged in, and at night a most enjoyable young folks' party was held at the residence of Mrs. Allen, Misses Blanche Barber and Lily Ragdale hostesses. The young folks, as usual, enjoyed themselves hugely, and regretted the arrival of the hour for leaving.

The young men's prayer-meetings at the Methodist and Baptist Churches, which meet on Friday and Tuesday nights respectively, are destined to be a power for good among the young men of our town. One of the young men is selected to lead at each meeting, and the Bible chapters are discussed in turn. This is a most profitable institution and our young men could not do better than to attend them.

The first quarterly meeting was held at the Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday last. The presiding elder, Rev. Mr. Horton, preached to attentive congregations on Saturday morning and night, and also on Sunday morning, administering the Sacrament. At night the pastor, Rev. Mr. Biggs, delivered a very forcible sermon on the missionary cause. They expect soon to have a protracted meeting.

THANKFUL FOR SMALL FAVORS.—The Gusher toasts loudly that it has secured the county printing, but fails to state that it got it by bidding one-half St. Louis prices. In all candor we bid it welcome at that rate, there can be no money in it. The Gusher will soon be a difference between the half price and the more than double price allowed it by the Council for printing a portion of the ordinances.

See in our columns the programme of the musical and educational entertainment to be given at Harper's Hall on Saturday, March 25th, by Mrs. E. Denton Givens supported by other ladies of rare gifts and graces. They are mostly well known to our readers, and we need not enlarge on the subject. A rare treat may be expected. Tickets are on sale at Reynolds & Daniels' drug store, and Johnson & Johnson's and J. V. Hutcheson's stores. Admission 50 cents.

The parlor of Mr. J. M. Turner's residence was crowded last Friday night with ladies and gentlemen, young and old, assembled to witness the entertainment of the Society of Ministering Children, under the management of Miss Ella Rogers. The little folks acquitted themselves admirably, and reflected credit upon their fair instructors. We understand the participants were all members of Miss Rogers' music class and some certainly evinced great proficiency for those so young. The proceeds of this and a previous entertainment were contributed to the Thormal Orphanage, of North Carolina.

The Sheriff's office has been systematically set in order, and the good old farmer-like appearance and genial manners of Sheriff Wren and County Clerk make callers, whether on business or otherwise, feel quite at home. In short it is a genuine democratic institution. A new improvement is the location of the Collector's office in a separate room, viz: that formerly occupied by Treasurer Patterson in the south-west corner of the Court House. This is in charge of Mr. Lewis Cook, and persons wishing to pay their taxes or transact any other business with the Collector's office will receive prompt and polite attention.

Miss Jennie Jones died in this place on Monday. She and two other invalids came from Jefferson, Texas, with their brother to this place some two months since from considerations of health. The remains of the deceased were shipped to their home, where all the family have returned.

We learn the committee having the matter in charge are arranging for the early publication in pamphlet form of the address of Judges Cook and Teichmuller, Rev. G. W. Briggs and Rev. Dr. Dalney. Mr. C. Capron, in the employ of the committee, has been active in securing this result.

Mr. Wagner, residing near Mr. Henkle's place, called on us last week with reference to finding a home for the baby girl of a neighbor who has recently lost his wife. The child is six months old, and we learn is a very interesting one, healthy and very intelligent. It comes of worthy and intelligent parents. The father is very reluctant to part with it, and has consented to do so only for considerations of the best good of the little one. He has several other children in his charge, and feels his inability to adequately look after the baby. Here is another woman might realize Shakespeare's idea of mercy when he says "It blest him that takes and him that gives" or words to that effect.

Mayor Giesen on Our City Finances—More Light Wanted.

KNOWS FREE PRESS.—In last week's issue of your paper I noted an editorial on "City Finances," which calls for an explanation.

You incorrectly state that the city taxes for last year have "about" doubled, while the facts are that the City Council levied a tax of 25c @ \$100 for general purposes, the same as it has been for years. In addition the Council levied a special tax of 12c @ \$100 for building and seating additional subterranean, and the necessity of this expenditure is demonstrated by the fact that the Board of Trustees had to rent still another house to accommodate the children. The net revenue of the city, provided all taxes are collected, amounts in round numbers for:

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